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ABSTRACT

A survey of the 443 Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) students who graduated in Summer 1978, December 1978, and May 1979 was conducted to determine graduates' vocational and/or educational activities and their attitudes toward the college's strengths and weaknesses. Major findings, based on a 77% response rate, indicated that 41% of the respondents were attending colleges and universities; this figure represents the first gain in the percentage of IVCC graduates to directly transfer to other institutions since 1970. Most (163) were attending public colleges, and liberal arts was the most popular declared major. The percentage of students employed after graduation (33%) decreased from the 1978 high of 57.5%. While responses to open-ended questions revealed a number of the college's weaknesses as well as strengths, 95% of the respondents indicated that they would recommend IVCC to other students. The survey report includes tables illustrating: (1) the degrees completed by terminal students; (2) a comparison of survey results with findings from studies completed between 1968 and 1978; (3) the four-year colleges to which the graduates transferred and the number of credits transferred; (4) majors at senior institutions; (5) majors of vocational program graduates; and (6) the job placement statistics of vocational program graduates. (JP)

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GRADUATE SURVEY

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The ninth Graduate Survey was conducted of the Summer 1978, December 1978, and May 1979 graduation classes; four hundred fourty-three letters were sent. One follow-up letter was sent. Those not responding were called by phone.

Comments regarding strengths and weaknesses of the college were encouraged. Three hundred eighty-one students responded with candid and often in-depth responses. These responses have been evaluated and replies sent where applicable.

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ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GRADUATE SURVEY

CLASS OF 1979

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SUMMARY

Two of the changes that appear evident in the 1979 Graduate Survey are (1) an increase in the number of students attending college after graduation from Illinois Valley Community College, and (2) a decrease in the number of students employed after graduation from Illinois Valley Community College.

The percentage of 1979 Illinois Valley Community College graduates now attending colleges and universities was 41.0% (182), an increase of 3.6% from the survey's lowest year, 1978, in which 37.6% attended college. This increase of 3.6% is the first gain to be recorded in this portion of the survey since the year 1970. The percentage of students employed after graduation was 33% (146) or a decrease of 24.5% from the 1978 survey high of 57.5% (see pages 4 and 5 for comparative information). This drop of almost 25% is the largest decline to occur in the ten year history of the survey. These changes may be a reflection of our current economic recession. Less employment opportunities exist, therefore, more of our graduates may be seeking a higher degree of educational preparation to help increase their employability.

Several senior universities send community colleges a report each year of the students who have tranferred from the community college to their university. This information has been tabulated on page 8. The overall number of students who transfer has remained fairly constant (as compared to the 1978 survey). Some shifting did occur in the number of students who transfer <u>with</u> or <u>without</u> completing their Associate Degrees.

Replies to the study were candid concerning strengths and weaknesses students perceived in their programs. The President and Division Chairman have received copies of weaknesses that were indicated.

Strengths were reported by students in a number of areas. Satisfactory educational experiences were related by a large number of those responding.

Transferability of courses was rated favorably by many students. Several individual faculty members were singled out for the exceptional instruction in their classes.

Weaknesses mentioned were in a broad range (as in previous years) from the weather policy and parking facilities to limited extension class offerings. Other concerns mentioned were the activity fee and the use of fee monies. Wherever a pattern of concern developed, the department involved was sent a copy of the survey responses.

In order to evaluation the services offered at Illinois Valley Community College, the following question was asked, "Based on your experiences, would you recommend IVCC to other students?" The answers were as follows:

YES	323
NO	5
N/A	13

ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SURVEY OF 1979 GRADUATING CLASS

SURVEYS SENT - 443

REPLIES TO FIRST LETTER	155 - 34.9%
REPLIES TO SECOND LETTER	108 - 24.4%
PHONE CALLS	78 - 26.6%
UNABLE TO CONTACT or REFUSE TO RESPOND	102 - 23.1%
	443 100%

SUMMARY OF GRADUATES

ATTENDING COLLEGE	182 - 41.0%
EMPLOYED	146 - 33.0%
UNEMPLOYED	13 - 3.0%
MILITARY SERVICE	0 - 0.0%
UNABLE TO CONTACT[1]	102 - 23.0%
	443 100%

[1] One graduate deceased.

STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED TWO YEAR DEGREES AND DID NOT TRANSFER TO A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

Associate in Arts	
Employed	25
Unemployed	4
Associate in Science	
Employed	2
Unemployed	1
Associate in Liberal Studies	
Employed	4
Unemployed	1
TOTAL	36

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GRADUATE SURVEY ANALYSIS FOR 1969-1975, 1978, 1979

YEAR	SURVEYS SENT			ATTENDING COLLEGE			EMPLOYED (not attending college)			MILITARY SERVICE			OTHER*		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	TECHNICAL GRADUATES	BACCALAUREATE-ORIENTED GRADUATES	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1969	#	#	366	#	#	216-59%	#	#	78-21%	#	#	14-3.9%	#	#	58[1]-16.1%
1970	245	184	429[2]	174	99	216-59%	#	#	118-27.3%	18	1	19-4.4%	5	14	19-4.4%
1971	239 (414 Degrees and 7 Certificates)	182	421	138	124	262-62%	92	46	138-33%	5		5-1%	4	12	16-4%
1972	260 (420 Degrees and 22 Certificates)	282	442[3]	153	100	253-57.4%	102	69	171-38.6%	6		6-1.4%	1	11	12-2.7%
1973	226 (352 Degrees and 29 Certificates)	155	381[4]	75	61	136-49.8%	72	50	122-44.7%	6		6-2.2%	1	8	9-3.3%
1974	232 (371 Degrees and 44 Certificates)	183	415[5]	102	96	198-48.2%	148	41	189-46%	3		3-7%	5	16	21-5.1%
1975	222 (408 Degrees and 57 Certificates)	237	459	112	104	216-47.1%	155	54	209-45.5%				22	12	34-7.4%
1978	(335 Degrees and 77 Certificates)		412	#	#	154-37.4%	197	40	237-57.5%			1-.2%	#	#	20-4.9%[7]
1979	190 (381 Degrees and 62 Certificates)	253	443[10]	#	#	182-41.0%	115	31	146-33%[8]			0-0%	#	#	115-25.6%[9]

* - Unemployed, Married and not employed outside the home.
\# - Information not available in certain areas on this survey.
1 - The students listed in this survey under "other" did not reply.
2 - Three students could not be located.
3 - One student could not be located.
4 - Two letters were sent - no further follow-up. Percentages based on returned surveys.
5 - 15 Students not contacted.
6 - Beginning with this analysis, students in military service, not replying to survey, unemployed and married(not employed outside of the home) are as other. The number is too small to statistically consider separately. More detailed information is in the graduate survey.
7 - Other includes unemployed 9-2.2%, and unable to contact 11-2.7%
8 - Includes full and part-time employment.
9 - Other includes unemployed 13-3%, and unable to contact and those not replying to the survey 115-25.6%.
10 - Includes two individuals ineligible for graduation.

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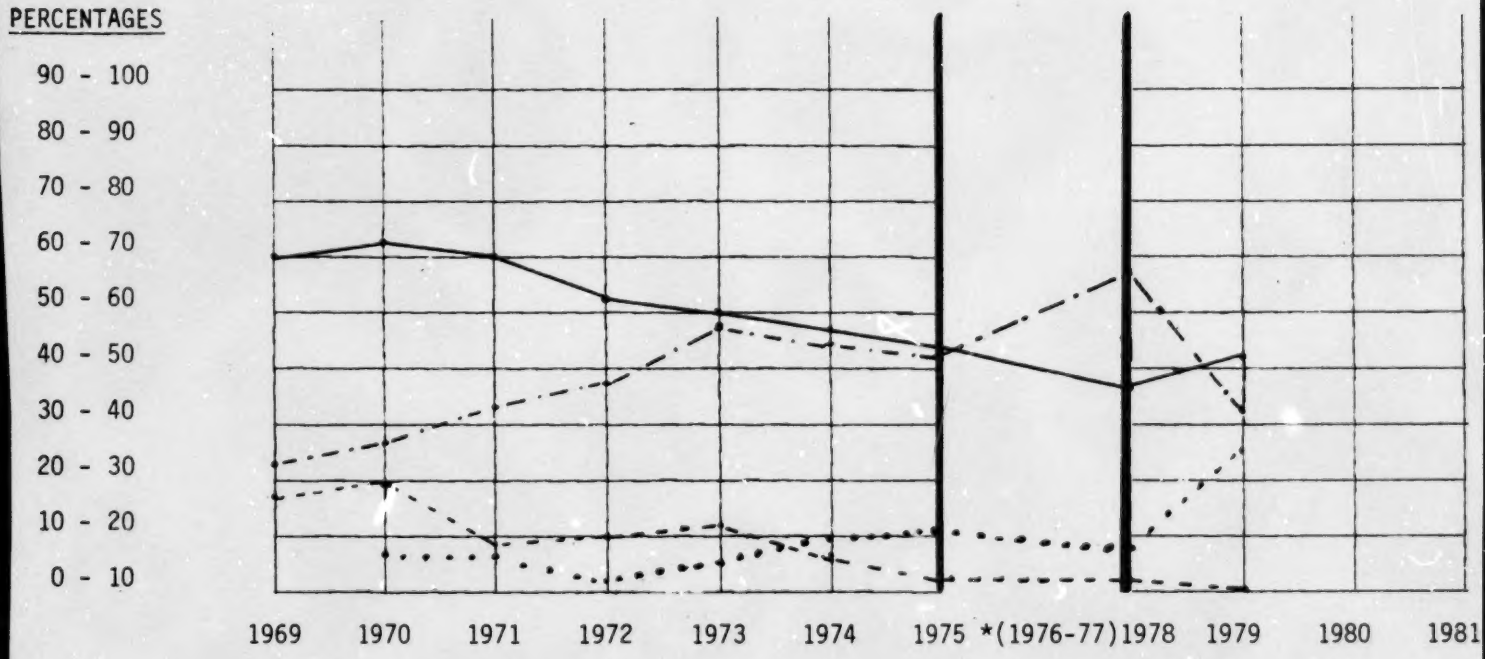
GRADUATE SURVEY ANALYSIS



_____Attending College

----------Military Service

_._._._._._._._._._.Employed

.....Other - No responses, unemployed, married and not employed outside the home. Beginning with 1975, military service is included in "other".

*Data not available for years 1976-77.

COLLEGES ATTENDED BY

1979 IVCC GRADUATES

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Illinois State University	51
*Illinois Valley Community College	40
University of Illinois	25
Northern Illinois University	16
Western Illinois University	11
Southern Illinois University	10
Eastern Illinois University	5
Sangamon State University	2
Sauk Valley College	1
Northeastern	1
College of Dupage	1
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PRIVATE COLLEGES IN ILLINOIS

DePaul	2
Bradley	1
Eureka	1
Illinois Benedictine	1
Illinois Institute of Technology	1
Lewis	1
Martin School of Industrial Science	1
National College of Education	1
Olivet Nazarene	1
	11

OUT-OF-STATE UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

University of Iowa	2
Marycrest	1
Michigan State	1
Ohio State	1
St. John's of Minnesota	1
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point	1
Missouri	1
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*1979 Graduates re-enrolling for other training.

TRANSFER COLLEGES OF ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973[1]	1974	1975	1978	1979[2]
ILLINOIS STATE	71	87	88	93	60	46	75	35	51
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	65	72	65	64	21	33	27	25	16
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	13	28	29	10	8	13	21	14	10
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	27	34	19	21	13	22	21	11	25
WESTERN ILLINOIS	5	12	16	19	8	15	13	10	11
EASTERN ILLINOIS	0	3	2	5	3	1	6	4	5
GOVERNOR'S STATE	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
SANGAMON STATE	0	10	1	2	1	3	0	3	2
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
WAUBONSEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
COLLEGE OF DUPAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SAUK VALLEY COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	7	0	15	10	1	17	21	22	40
OUT-OF-STATE UNIVERSITIES	14	8	5	11	10	9	11	8	6
OUT-OF-STATE PRIVATE COLLEGES	3	4	7	8	2	6	4	9	2
ILLINOIS PRIVATE COLLEGES	11	15	14	9	9	33	13	11	11
	216	273	262	253	136	198	216	154	182

1. Figures are from replies received from 72% of surveys for 1973.
2. Figures are from replies received from 86% of surveys for 1979.

STUDENTS ADMITTED TO MAJOR STATE UNIVERSITY'S AND COLLEGES

	Number of Students Admitted - Fall 1979	Transfer Students with Assoc. Degree	Transfer Students without Assoc. Degree	Credit Hrs. Transferred by Students w/o Degree
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	12 (7)	6 (4)	6 (3)	28-100
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY	83 (81)	47 (35)	36 (46)	24-93
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	44 (45)	12 (25)	32 (20)	24-132 (14-61)
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	23	16	7	13-114
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	*	*	*	*
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	27 (18)	20	7	30-94 (2-55)

*Information not complete or specific figures available.

FOR COMPARISON, 1978 FIGURES APPEAR IN PARENTHESES WHEN AVAILABLE.

COLLEGE MAJORS DECLARED AT SENIOR INSTITUTIONS

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture	4
Animal Science	1
	5

BUSINESS

Accounting	13
Business Administration	10
Computer Science	5
Finance	4
Marketing	2
	34

EDUCATION

Art Education	1
Elementary Education	10
Music Education	4
Physical Education	3
Secondary Education	1
Special Education	2
Speech Communication - Education	5
	26

ENGINEERING

Civil Engineering	1
Electrical Engineering	2
Engineering	3
Mechanical Engineering	3
	9

FINE ARTS

Art	1
Illustration	2
Photography	1
Theatre	1
	5

LIBERAL ARTS

Biology	3
Broadcasting	1
Criminal Justice	1
Ecology	1
English	3
Forestry	2
Geography	1
Geology	2
History	4

COLLEGE MAJORS (cont'd)

LIBERAL ARTS

Health	1
Journalism	1
Mathematics	2
Parks & Recreation	3
Political Science	6
Pre-Vet	1
Psychology	7
Sociology	6
Spanish	1
Zoology	1
	44

PROFESSIONAL

Dentistry	2
Medical Technology	2
Music Therapy	1
Nursing	2
Pharmacy	3
Physical Theraphy	1
Radiology	1
	12

VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Electronics	1
Industrial Technology	3
IN & T Safety	1
Mechnical Technical	1
	6

Continuing Education at IVCC	37

SUMMARY OF VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL PROGRAM GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Agriculture Production & Management - 1

Employed in position related to field of study	1

Auto Mechanics - 5

Employed in position related to field of study	2
Unemployed	2
Attending college--IVCC--and employed in position related to field of study	1

Business Data Processing - 11

Employed in position related to field of study	5
Employed in position not related to field of study	2
Attending college--Major: Computer Science--and working in field of study	4

Child Care - 4

Employed in position related to field of study	4

Criminal Justice - 5

Employed in position related to field of study	3
Employed in position not related to field of study	1
No Answer	1

Electronics Technology - 8

Employed in position related to field of study	6
Employed in position not related to field of study	2

Engineering Technology - 5

Employed in position related to field of study	4
Attending college--Major: Mechanical Technology	1

Library Technical Assistant - 2

Employed in position related to field of study	1
Employed in position not related to field of study	1

Mid-Management - 9

Employed in position related to field of study	3
Employed in position not related to field of study	5
Unemployed	1

Nursing - 49

Employed in position related to field of study	47
Attending school--continuing education--and working in the field	2

Recreational Facilities - 5

Employed in position related to field of study	2
Attending college--Major: Recreation/Park Administration	3

Secretarial Science - 10

Employed in position related to field of study	9
Employed in position not related to field of study	1
T O T A L	114

CERTIFICATES

Auto Mechanics - 2

Employed in position related to field of study	1
Employed in position not related to field of study	1

Clerical - 6

Employed in position related to field of study	4
Employed in position not related to field of study	2

Cosmetology - 6

Employed in position related to field of study	6

Dental Assisting - 5

Employed in position related to field of study	3
Employed in position not related to field of study	2

Drafting - 1

Employed in position related to field of study	1

Industrial Maintenance Mechanics -3

Employed in position related to field of study	3

L.P.N. - 19

Employed in position related to field of study	16
Attending college--IVCC--and working in field	3

Welding - 3

Employed in position related to field of study	1
Employed in position not related to field of study	1
Unemployed	1
T O T A L	45

SUMMARY OF VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL PROGRAM GRADUATES
PLACEMENT STATISTICS
1979

Program	Total Graduates	Total Employed in Related Fields	Total Employed in non-related Fields	Unemployed	Other*
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE					
Agriculture Production & Management	1	1	-	-	-
Automotive Mechanics	5	2	-	2	1
Business Data Processing	11	5	2	-	4
Child Care	4	4	-	-	-
Criminal Justice	5	3	1	-	1
Electronics Technology	8	6	2	-	-
Engineering Design Technology	5	4	-	-	1
Library Technical Assistant	2	1	1	-	-
Mid-Management	9	3	5	1	-
Nursing	49	47	-	-	2
Recreational Facilities Management	5	2	-	-	3
Secretarial Science	10	9	1	-	-
CERTIFICATES					
Automotive Mechanics	2	1	1	-	-
Clerical	6	4	2	-	-
Cosmetology	6	6	-	-	-
Dental Assisting	5	3	2	-	-
Drafting	1	1	-	-	-
Industrial Maintenance Mechanics	3	3	-	-	-
Licensed Practical Nurse	19	16	-	-	3
Welding	3	1	1	1	-
	159	122	18	4	15

*NOTE: This reflects students still attending college.

Analysis of Above Placement Statistics

	1979	1978
Total Graduates	159	
Total Employed in Related Fields	122 = 77%	78%
Total Graduates	159	
Total Employed in Non-related Fields	18 = 12%	5%
Total Graduates	159	
Total Unemployed	4 = 2%	5%
Total Graduates	159	
Total Others*	15 = 9%	12%

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